

MEMO

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TO: Energy and Environment Committee

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SUBJECT: Update on SCAG, AQMD, ARB White Paper

BACKGROUND:


As part of the development of the State Implementation Plans for ozone and PM2.5, the California Air Resources Board (ARB), South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and SCAG agreed to identify, develop and disseminate transformative solutions to attain federally mandated national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for Southern California via a joint White Paper. The White Paper seeks to identify fundamentally new ways of conceiving transportation and air quality strategies that is necessary to reduce air pollution and make headway toward greenhouse gas reductions that contribute to global warming. Staff of each of the Agencies are working together to develop this comprehensive visioning document which frames the issues and challenges, and sets forth a vision of ultimately transforming Southern California toward a zero-emission society.

The Agencies are working to finalize a Draft White Paper to bring to our respective Regional Council and Boards. Staff will keep the EEC apprised of these on-going efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff support for air quality planning and policy is covered under the Air Quality and Conformity staff work elements included in the current year overall work program (08-025.SCGS1).

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